

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Keller et al.  
For : **GOLF BALL UTILIZING SILICONE MATERIALS**  
Serial No. : Not yet assigned, continuation of 09/048,578  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2518  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, line 6, after "present application" insert --is a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/048,578, filed March 26, 1998, which--.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-18.

Please add new claims 19-43 as follows:

19. A method of producing a golf ball having a silicone material, said method comprising:

providing a core component that includes at least one silicone material,  
placing said core component in a mold adapted for forming at least one

5 of (i) golf balls and (ii) golf ball components; and